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TO : Amembassy LIMA

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FROM : Department of State

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SUBJECT : U.S. Aeronautical Chart Showing Portion Peru-Ecuador Frontier Marked "Boundary in Dispute."

REF : Lima's A-503, March 1, 1967

While the Department recognizes the possible adverse Peruvian reaction to the terminology used in the World Aeronautical Chart No. 1011 (Aguja Point) showing a portion of the Ecuador-Peru border as a "boundary in dispute," we do not accept the Peruvian interpretation that this is an erroneous designation of that portion of the Peru-Ecuador border.

It is stated in the enclosed "International Boundary Study-International Boundaries and Disclaimers," published by the Department in 1963:

"D. Disputed Boundaries

"Since minor and often unmappable disputes exist along many if not all international boundaries, this category should be limited only to those involving sufficient territory to show on normal maps and boundaries where the states involved are actively seeking an alteration of the status quo. It is the traditional policy of the United States to abstain from expressing a view on the validity of territorial claims. Consequently the boundary chosen to be represented does not imply or state an official position of the U. S.

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Government. As a result the boundary disclaimer should be included on every map which portrays a boundary in dispute."

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Since the description of two portions of the border between Peru and Ecuador contained in the Rio Protocol of 1942 does not conform to the actual geography of the area as now known, delineation of these portions cannot be made in accordance with the protocol and the boundaries for these sections are thus termed "in dispute." This terminology does not constitute any expression of view by the U.S. on the validity of the claims of the two countries in regard to the two undelineated portions of the border; nor does it affect U.S. posture with respect to the Rio Protocol of 1942 as one of the four guarantor powers of that treaty.

We suggest you draw on the above information if questioned by the Peruvians on this matter.

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Enclosure:
International Boundaries and
Disclaimers, March 15, 1963

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